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Biography

EDWARD EUGENE COX was born near Camilla, Mitchell County, Ga., April 3, 1880; attended the grade schools, Camilla High School, the academic department of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., for nearly four years, and was graduated from the law department of that university in 1902; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice at Camilla, Ga.; mayor of Camilla 1904–6; delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Denver in 1908; appointed and subsequently elected judge of the superior court of the Albany circuit and served from 1912 until he resigned in 1916, having become a candidate for Congress; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1916 to the Sixty-fifth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-ninth and to the fourteen succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1925, until his death December 24, 1951, in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., before the convening of the Eighty-third Congress; interment in Oakview Cemetery, Camilla, Ga.

In the House of Representatives

THURSDAY, *April 2, 1953.*

Mr. COLE of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 199) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, May 6, 1953, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand in recess for the purpose of holding memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provision of clause 9 (n) (1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for 30 legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record on the life, character, and public service of the deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services

in the

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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11: 30 to 12)--United States Army Band

Presiding officer----------The Speaker, Hon. Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

Invocation----------The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

Quartet, Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Stebbins)
Hon. J. Frank Wilson, Hon. Prince Preston, Hon. Oren Harris, and Hon. J. Percy Priest.

At the piano----------Hon. Frances P. Bolton
Representative from the State of Ohio

Scripture reading and prayer----------The Chaplain

Roll of the deceased Members
The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Rose ritual----------Hon. Marguerite Stitt Church
Representative from the State of Illinois

Devotional silence.

Address----------Hon. Robert J. Corbett
Representative from the State of Pennsylvania

Quartet, Rock of Ages (Hastings)----------Congressional Quartet

Address----------Hon. Carl Albert
Representative from the State of Oklahoma

Taps----------Sgt. George Myers

Echo---------- Sgt. Victor Christensen

Benediction----------The Chaplain

Edward Eugene Cox

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 6, 1953.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Martin) presided.

Invocation by the Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Most merciful and gracious God, who art the light of all that is true, the strength of all that is good, and the glory of all that is beautiful, we are again approaching Thy throne of grace through the old and familiar way of prayer which is always open to those who come with a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

Grant that in this hour of solemn and sacred memory we may enter into a blessed and intimate communion with Thy divine spirit and with the spirit of our beloved upon whom Thou hast bestowed Thy glorious benediction and the diadem of Thy praise, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In Christ's name we bring our petitions. Amen.

Hon. J. Frank Wilson, Hon. Prince Preston, Hon. Oren Harris, and Hon. J. Percy Priest sang Have Thine Own Way, Lord, by Stebbins.

Hon. Francis P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio, accompanied at the piano.

The CHAPLAIN. The Old Testament Scripture readings are selections from the 90th and the 103d Psalms:

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame: He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The New Testament readings are taken from the 14th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

May God add His blessing to these readings from His Holy Word.

The following poem entitled "The Other Room," written by Robert Freeman, is a beautiful commentary on the gracious words which came from the lips of our blessed Lord:

"No, not cold beneath the grasses,
Not close-walled within the tomb;
Rather, in my Father's mansion,
Living in another room.

"Living, like the one who loves me,
Like yon child with cheeks abloom,
Out of sight, at desk or schoolbook,
Busy in another room.

"Nearer than the youth whom fortune
Beckons where the strange lands loom;
Just behind the hanging curtain,
Serving in another room.

"Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?
Shall I think of death as doom,
Or the stepping o'er the threshold
To a bigger, brighter room?

"Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?
Shall I sit enswathed in gloom,
When I know my beloved are happy,
Waiting in the other room?"

Let us have a moment of silent prayer.

O Thou infinite and eternal God, in whose divine keeping and control are the coming in and the going out of all our days and years, in the life of each of us there are times and experiences when our feelings seem to impose silence.

Humbly and reverently we are calling upon Thy great and holy name, encouraged and constrained by every gracious invitation and promise in Thy word through which Thou hast spoken unto us.

Thou alone art the author and disposer of human life and from Thee our spirits have come and unto Thee they

return. We beseech Thee that unto all Thy righteous dealings we may yield ourselves with due resignation and patience for Thou art too wise to err and too kind to injure.

We pray that this may not be for us an hour of sadness and gloom but of thanksgiving and rejoicing as we call to mind the life and character of Thy servants unto whom Thou hast opened the gates to the larger life and received into Thy nearer presence.

We thank Thee for the high and holy privilege which we have enjoyed of walking and working with them for a little while upon this earth. We have not said farewell unto them but only goodnight. Assured that on some bright and blessed morn we shall meet again and dwell together in hallowed union in that fairer land whose language is music and where there is fullness of joy and peace.

Grant unto the members of their families the consolation of Thy grace and some special token of Thy covenant love.

Show us, as we continue our earthly pilgrimage, how we may carry on in faith and in the fear of the Lord and at the eventide of life, when Thou dost call us to Thyself, may we be worthy of receiving the blessings which Thou hast prepared for the faithful.

Hear us in the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Lyle O. Snader, Clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

BRIEN MCMAHON, a Senator from the State of Connecticut: Born October 6, 1903; attended public schools, graduated from Fordham University, New York, and from the law school of Yale University, New Haven; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Norwalk; city judge in Norwalk in 1933; resigned to become special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, 1933–35; Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, 1935–39; elected to the United States Senate in 1944; reelected 1950; died July 28, 1952.

WILLIAM GRADY STIGLER, a Representative from the Second Congressional District of the State of Oklahoma: Born July 7, 1891; attended public schools, graduated from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, and attended law school at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, and the University of Grenoble in France; First World War Infantry lieutenant at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne engagements and with Army of Occupation; admitted to bar, 1920, and practiced law in Stigler; city attorney of Stigler, 1920–24; State senator, 1924–32, serving as president pro tempore in 1931; lieutenant colonel, Oklahoma National Guard; Member of the 78th Congress and the four succeeding Congresses; died August 21, 1952.

ADOLPH JOACHIM SABATH, a Representative from the Seventh Congressional District of the State of Illinois: Born April 4, 1866; attended schools of Zabori, Czechoslovakia, and after immigrating to the United States in 1881, graduated from the Chicago College of Law; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Chicago; ward committeeman and district leader in Chicago, 1892–1944; justice of the peace, 1895; police magistrate, 1897–1906; delegate to all the Democratic State conventions since 1890; delegate to all the Democratic National Conventions, 1896–1944; Member of the 60th Congress and the 23 succeeding Congresses; died November 6, 1952.

EDWARD EUGENE COX, a Representative from the Second Congressional District of the State of Georgia: Born April 3, 1880; attended public schools, the academic department of Mercer University, Macon, and graduated from the law department of Mercer University; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Camilla; mayor of Camilla, 1904–06; delegate to the Democratic National Convention, 1908; judge of the superior court of the Albany circuit, 1912–16; Member of the 69th Congress and the 14 succeeding Congresses; died December 24, 1952.

JOSEPH RALEIGH BRYSON, a Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of the State of South Carolina: Born January 18, 1893; attended public schools and was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and from the law department of the University of South Carolina; enlisted in First World War, September 28, 1915, and reenlisted August 3, 1917, and was discharged as a second lieutenant of infantry; admitted to the bar in 1920 and practiced law in Greenville; member South Carolina House of Representatives, 1921–24; member of State senate, 1929–32; elected to the 76th Congress and the seven succeeding Congresses; died March 10, 1953.

GARRETT LEE WITHERS, a Representative from the Second Congressional District of the State of Kentucky: Born June 21, 1884; admitted to the bar in 1908; served as clerk of Webster County Circuit Court, 1910–12; master commissioner of same court, 1913–17; served on Kentucky Highway Commission, 1932–36; referee in bankruptcy, 1941–45; commissioner, Kentucky department of highways, 1947–49; appointed to the United States Senate January 20, 1949; elected to Kentucky State Legislature, 1951; elected to the 82d Congress, August 2, 1952; reelected to the 83d Congress; died April 30, 1953.

Hon. MARGUERITE STITT CHURCH, a Representative from the State of Illinois, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum and assisted by Page Daniel B. Havens, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Corbett].

Hon. ROBERT J. CORBETT, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania, delivered the following address:

Mr. Speaker, we have gathered here to pay homage to those Members of Congress who died during the year. Without exception these men were best citizens in their own communities. They were loved and respected wherever they were known. Proper religious devotions have been held for them, and proper eulogies have been pronounced by their close friends here in Congress. I could add nothing to the splendid tributes paid to them. I cannot minister in a religious spirit to their loved ones. No one can add to their stature or the respect in which they were held by all of us. But speaking as a contemporary historian, I can spread here on the record one salient thought, one final accolade that they so justly merited and that a grateful Nation should well remember.

Mr. Speaker, it is good that we should set aside 1 day each year to memorialize our departed colleagues. These were not ordinary men who worked and lived with us. They

were truly men of distinction. The very fact of their membership in the Congress of the United States so stamped them for all time.

The honor of being a Member of the Congress is an honor that cannot be taken away by defeat or death. And it is a distinction that comes to relatively few men and women. Out of all the hundreds of millions of people who have lived in this great land only approximately 10,000 persons have had the privilege of serving in the Halls of Congress.

Membership in the Congress of the United States is seldom easy to achieve or maintain. It should be constantly reemphasized that no citizen can take the oath of office as a Representative in Congress unless he has been selected and elected by the people of his home district—by his friends and his neighbors—those who know him best. Likewise, except when appointed to fill an unexpired term, no one can serve in the Senate of the United States unless the people of his own State have voted him that high office. That fact makes the Congress definitely the part of the Government which is uniquely the people's own.

It is that part of the Government to which they can most readily appeal for the redress of wrongs, for changes of policy, for information, for assistance, and for protection. And the Congress is that part of the Government which can most easily be changed when it becomes unresponsive to the will of the people.

The fact that membership in Congress is almost exclusively reserved for those who have been elected obviously makes such membership an honor and distinction that much more to be cherished. Equally obvious, the fact of elected membership makes our Government so distinctly a representative republic—a Government of and by the people. And just so long as our Congress retains its full power in the affairs of state our Government will continue to be a Government for the people—providing and preserving the maximum of freedom for everyone.

The Congress of the United States is often held up for ridicule and harsh criticism by the thoughtless, the frustrated, the indolent, the vicious. Confidence in it is also deliberately diluted by those who know that they cannot destroy free government in the United States until they first destroy public faith in the Congress.

Criticism and ridicule of individual Members of Congress is part of the American political scheme of things. The Member generally takes this in his stride with a shrug or a smile. But when the criticism tends to destroy faith in the institution that is Congress then a menace appears that cannot be regarded lightly. I will tell you why.

In all of our sprawling executive with its approximately 2,500,000 civil employees, only 2, the President and the Vice President, hold their offices by the will of the people. All the rest owe their responsibility to the appointive power of someone superior. It is likewise true that the other great check in our check-and-balance system, the Supreme Court, is an appointed body far removed from popular control. All of this may be good and proper, but it results in a very serious and constant danger.

Should the Congress of the United States, because of the carelessness of the cartoonists, the indolence of the editorial writer, or the commentator, who has no other easy target for the day, the denunciation of the frustrated pressure-group leader, the profanity of the defeated, or the subversive activity of the totalitarian—should the Congress, because of all these things, be destroyed in the confidence of the people and thus become powerless as a check on the Executive, then free government, as we know it, ends in America.

Thus it has been in every country in the history of civilization where government of the people has given way to dictatorship. The Republic of Rome became the dictatorship of the Caesars when the senate had become an object of scorn and derision. Napoleon reduced the legislative bodies in France to a sounding board of his wishes before he be-

came Emperor. Mussolini became the sovereign power of Italy by supplanting the Chamber of Deputies with the powerless Chamber of Corporations. Hitler became the dictator of Germany by reducing the members of the Reichstag to a chorus of "yas." Throughout history, where and when the power of, and the confidence in the people's representatives could be ended, dictatorships resulted.

Hence, it is true that so long, and just so long, as the Congress of the United States retains the confidence of the people and asserts and preserves its proper place in our governmental scheme of things, that long democracy will flourish in our Nation. Likewise, so long as our republican democracy is maintained, so long will those throughout the world who pray for personal and political freedom have a beacon to inspire them.

Consequently, those who serve, or who have served, in the Congress of the United States have not only been honored through election by their constituents, they have also been honored by being a part—a vital part—of the greatest institution in the world, working for the preservation of a free way of life in America and everywhere.

These departed Members who have passed on during this year and all of those former Members they have joined in God's somewhere were part of the great tradition that first sent men and women to these shores in search of liberty, part of the great tradition that has carried us forward from Lexington and Concord through many trying times and finds us now in a position of world leadership, resisting dictatorship and tyranny on the bloody ridges of Korea and building defenses, political, economic, and military, against aggression and slavery everywhere in the world. There has been and cannot be any finer tradition in all history.

It is for us today as we formally and sorrowfully say farewell to our departed colleagues to remember them as men who in their humbleness and sincerity and vigor worked for the best interests of their people and their country; men

whom differences of opinion, criticism, praise, or political gain never made them forget that they, as Congressmen, were servants of the people, devoted to the preservation of human liberty and happiness. They are gone, and someday, even as you and I, they may be forgotten as individuals; but if we, the living, and those who are to follow after, will devote ourselves as they did to maintaining the Congress of the United States as the greatest of all institutions working to preserve freedom, theirs and our collective handiwork will remain as a shrine, a beacon, a thing to be blessed by all of those who will come here after.

Above this rostrum the challenging words of Daniel Webster are chiseled in stone. They read:

> Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests, and see whether we also in our day and generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered.

Our colleagues whom we honor today and who honored us by their lives and work so did.

With that, to them we say farewell, a long and fond farewell.

The Congressional Quartet sang Rock of Ages, by Hastings, accompanied at the piano by Hon. Frances P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert].

Hon. CARL ALBERT, a Representative from the State of Oklahoma, delivered the following address:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has called the roll of Members who during the past 12 months have answered to a higher call in a far greater forum than this. Here on earth—

> Our flowers are merely flowers.
> And the shadow of thy perfect bliss
> Is the sunshine of ours.
>
> —*Poe.*

Mr. Speaker, I accept the principle of the indestructibility of matter: much more do I believe in the immortality of the human soul.

There is no death.
What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian.
Whose portals we call death.
—*Longfellow.*

Life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own.
—*Whittier.*

Our colleagues are with us in spirit. Their kind and loving deeds live on. We feel their presence in our lives. They give us a sense of real communion with the infinite. They were with us so recently.

It is fitting that the family, friends, and loved ones of our late colleagues should meet in their honor in this Chamber, which they knew so well and loved so dearly. We meet to pay them humble tribute.

Our colleagues have had a total service in the Congress of more than 100 years—weighty, burdensome years. All of them served here during the Korean war. All but one served during World War II and the trying postwar years. Two of them were here through the great depression, and one of them through two World Wars.

There is little doubt but that the strenuous duties of their work here shortened their lives. Only one who has experienced it can comprehend the burdens of congressional service in this age. Yet it has its compensations.

Sometimes the multiplicity of little things we are called upon to do over and above the constitutional duties of our offices seem almost all consuming. It may well be, however, that these little things are the ingredients of great and important service.

Our people have borne heavy burdens during the past 12 years. In World War II they gave of their blood and treas-

ure with the high hope if, indeed, not with the expectation of emerging from that war into an era of peace and sanity that might justify the sacrifices they had made. Instead, endless war and endless sacrifice seem to have been their only reward. It may well be then that the little things we are able to do for them may spell the difference between success and failure in the grim responsibilities that lie ahead.

Our colleagues kept the faith with their country and their constituents even to the end.

Mr. Speaker, there are many good men in this world. The men we honor today were extraordinary men by any standards.

To their families and loved ones we can give personal testimony to the fidelity of their service. In the hours of sadness, there is the glorious consolation that they lived their lives fully and served their country well.

To me, the lives of our departed friends summarize the magic story of America. Let us call the roll again:

BRIEN MCMAHON, brilliant, youthful New England Yankee of whom it was well said by his distinguished successor:

Senator MCMAHON was Connecticut's outstanding statesman.

ADOLPH SABATH, a lowly immigrant, who at the age of 15 believed the American story. Unable to speak English when he arrived in this country, he lived to become the dean of this body, to which he was elected 24 successive times, an alltime record of legislative public service in America. Those of us who knew this great American, whose service spanned two generations, can only repeat with our distinguished minority whip who said:

There was only one ADOLPH SABATH. When he was born, the mold was broken.

GENE COX, southern gentleman, in the noblest sense of the term, who in courage, ability, and resolute purpose had no superior, but of whom it was so rightly said by our distinguished majority leader:

I shall remember GENE COX primarily as a generous-hearted friend.

JOE BRYSON, another lovable son of Dixie, who rose from the textile mills of South Carolina to a place of preeminence among his comrades, and of whom our great minority leader and former Speaker has said:

He typified the Christian gentleman. He practiced what he preached.

BILL STIGLER, from my own State of Oklahoma, in whose veins ran the blood of the original American. He had all those qualities of chivalry, patience, and generosity of the great race that was the first to inhabit this continent.

GARRETT WITHERS, who left his Old Kentucky Home to be with us but a little while, and yet in whom we caught a fleeting glimpse of that loving soul so dearly loved by all who knew him.

There is nothing I can say, Mr. Speaker, about our late beloved friends that has not already been said by tongues more eloquent than mine. This, however, we can all say, that their lives reaffirm the miracle of America. They demonstrate anew that in this country the doors of opportunity are open to all, regardless of race or national origin, regardless of religious belief or occupation, alike to the descendants of the first inhabitants and earliest settlers and to the newest immigrant in our land.

In reviewing the story of America, historians are wont to pause and to linger at the door of a tiny reconstructed cabin amid the tall oaks of Hardin County, Ky., and there to contemplate the life of the mysterious rail splitter who changed the destiny of mankind. The whole world marvels at the amazing consistency of the evidence of the honesty, the integrity, the ability, and the devotion to principle of this lowly man who scaled the mountain peaks. Yet, I sometimes wonder whether the real story in the life of Lincoln is in his inherent qualities, lofty indeed though they were, or rather in the assurance he gave us of what a man, however humble, when blessed with qualities of honesty, integrity, and devotion to ideals, may do for his fellow man under a

"government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Mr. Speaker, in this age of doubt and skepticism, in this day when the very foundations of free government are under attack throughout the world, the lives of those whom we honor now give us new faith in the principles of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, after more than 160 years this is still the best government on earth for financier and farmer, for industrialist and industrial worker. After all this time no man may close the doors of your church against you. No man may sell your private property on the public auction block without due process of law. No man may cross the threshold of your home without a search warrant. No man may cast you in prison without a trial by a jury of your peers.

After all the centuries, Mr. Speaker, history is still on the side of freemen. So—

> Fear not each sudden sound and shock,
> 'Tis of the wave and not the rock;
> 'Tis but the flapping of the sail
> And not a rent made by the gale.
>
> —*Longfellow.*

The government of Cromwell went down with him to his grave. The government of Napoleon changed with his defeat. The government of Kaiser Wilhelm died in the Hall of Mirrors. The government of Hitler was destroyed in the flames that consumed him. Yet, after more than a century and a half, the government of 160 million Americans still stands tall and rugged. It emerged from the War of 1812 strong and secure. It emerged from the Civil War unimpaired. It emerged from World War I grand and glorious. It emerged from the Second World War mighty and colossal. That Government stands today, a palace of your liberty, a castle of your happiness, a tower of your strength. It is your heritage. It has justified your faith.

This country was founded on faith. It was founded by men of deep religious convictions, by men of faith in God.

It was because they were men of faith that they had faith in freedom of worship. They knew with Emerson that—

> The faith that stands on authority is not faith.
> Aye, call it holy ground.
> The soil where first they trod:
> They have left unstained what there they found—
> Freedom to worship God.
>
> —*Herman.*

For faith, those who settled this country broke the ties of home and fireside, broke the ties of centuries. For faith, they braved the oceans and faced the perils of the wilderness. For faith, they built their homes, their churches, and their communities.

In this dangerous, materialistic age, in this age of confusion and doubt, God give us a new birth of faith. Faith is the answer to the cynic's horrible vacuum of death.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrew XI, 1.)

Faith moveth mountains—

And yet—

There are no tricks in plain and simple faith. (Shakespeare.)

Our colleagues live on: they were men of faith.

Sgt. George Myers, United States Army, sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Sgt. Victor Christensen, United States Army.

The CHAPLAIN pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace.

Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 199, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 7, 1953, at 12 o'clock noon.

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Proceedings in the House

SATURDAY, *January 3, 1953.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Vinson].

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and profound sorrow that I announce to the House the passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable EUGENE COX, of the Second District of Georgia. He passed away on Christmas Eve at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. He succumbed to a heart attack, and has been laid to rest among his friends and neighbors in the warm and friendly soil at his old home Camilla in his beloved State, to which he gave his fullest devotion.

For 28 years he served with distinction in the House and had been elected for his fifteenth consecutive term. During the time he had been a Member of this body, he witnessed a whole breath-taking chain of events in the history of our country and of the world.

For many, many years he was ranking Democrat on the Rules Committee, and no Member of this House for the past 20 years exerted more influence in what measures came to the floor of the House than did the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Cox.

At the time of his death he was chairman of a special committee investigating subversive influence in American foundations. He was among the very first in the House to warn the Nation of the danger of the communistic infiltration in Government.

He was independent in thought and acts, and always had the courage of his convictions. A brilliant debater, a gifted speaker, whose sentences were always logical and gems of

thought, and whenever he addressed the House he meant every word he said. He spoke from the heart, and if perchance the words uttered in the heat of debate offended, he was most apologetic, for he was indeed gentle and kind.

He had a heart of gold. He could not bear malice against anyone. He possessed a most lovable character and a charming personality. He was endowed with a keen and analytical mind.

I know of no greater compliment that I can pay his memory than to say that the respect and affection of this House for GENE COX grew greater and greater as the years rolled by.

In him was reflected the unusual attributes of selflessness. His dominant thought was always the welfare of the country.

I know that every Member of this body admired and respected him. All of you have lost a friend, an able colleague. But I have lost more than that—I have lost a friend of 50 years, and a classmate. His passing saddens me more than I can say. I shall miss him for his genuine affection, his wise counsel, and his sincerity. But beyond that, the Nation will miss him, for GENE COX loved America as few men ever have. His whole life was devoted to his country and the records of this great body will bear witness to the fact that he never failed to wholeheartedly support what he thought best for the Nation.

Every piece of legislation dealing with our national security for the past 28 years bore the stamp of his approval.

His opinions on domestic and foreign affairs were firm and given without reservation. When he espoused a cause he did so deliberately, after long, careful, and searching thought.

He considered only what was best for his country. He never chose a course because it was easy or might be popular.

When he had reached a decision he brought to his task all of his skill and all of his talents, all the energy and the resources with which he was so generously endowed. What-

ever he did, he did with conviction, with zest, with enthusiasm, and without wavering.

He was the sort of man who became more beloved as time went on. He was the sort of man who wore well. No one will replace him, for he was one of those rare men who is made from a secret mold.

Nor will he be forgotten—because men like him are not forgotten in the hearts of those who loved and respected them.

Georgia will always count him as one of her most illustrious sons, and the Nation is greater because GENE COX lived.

We in the Georgia delegation and the Members who were so intimately associated with him in his years in Congress will miss his wise counsel. We will miss his sturdy and unwavering support of the causes in which he came to believe.

Right was his only criterion. Compromise was not in his nature. His was the stout heart of the worthy adversary.

Now the stillness of the dark night is upon us. Another of our colleagues joins the long line of silent figures whose voices echoed through these Halls. The rugged warrior has laid down his armor and sleeps in the earned peace of a task well done—of a life well spent in service.

To his widow and children, to his constituents, to his State, and to his Nation, I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. VINSON. I yield.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, words are inadequate for me to pay just and deserving tribute to GENE COX. He fearlessly fought for what he thought was right. No one had more courage or exemplified a greater fighting spirit than he. His long service in public life rendered throughout the years was to make the Nation, his State, his community, and the home a better place in which to live.

He was a champion of States' rights, and stood for the sound constitutional principles that have made this country great. He believed in democratic processes. He believed that the people should rule and that they had the capacity to rule.

He was known in every State of the Union for his sound thinking on foreign relations and policies. He respected the views of others, whether he agreed with them or not.

His effective work against communism in this country and abroad will be remembered by all.

He loved people and always extended sympathy to the little fellow and those in trouble. As a lawyer he was true to his clients, never taking advantage of opposing counsel, and was held in high esteem by the jury. As a judge he was just and fair. As a Member of this House he was diligent and energetic, loved and respected by Members on both sides of the aisle. He was a kind and devoted husband and father.

I extend to the family my deepest personal sympathy in his passing.

Mr. DAVIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. VINSON. I yield.

Mr. DAVIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, when the time comes to speak of a dear friend who has gone from us to the Great Beyond, so many precious memories come to recollection that it is hard to talk at all.

I think at this moment of countless times when my life has been richer and fuller because I was blessed with the friendship of Judge Cox.

His personality was an extraordinary personality. It was a joy always to come into his presence. His cheery greeting never failed to kindle anew that warm, responsive feeling of friendship which had lived in my heart throughout the years in which I knew him.

As we think and talk of Judge Cox today, it is fitting to recall that he was a lawyer of recognized ability; that as a

member of the bar he added distinction and luster to our great legal profession of which lawyers are justly proud.

As a judge of the superior courts of Georgia, he demonstrated that he possessed that quality so necessary and essential to all judges, namely, judicial temperament. He enforced the laws with firmness and a determination to protect the law-abiding citizens of his circuit from the lawless element. It was not possible in his court for the strong to oppress the weak, or for the rich to impose upon the poor. His presence upon the bench was a guaranty that every party to a case in his court would receive that to which the law entitled him.

Judge Cox first established his reputation as a lawyer, a jurist, and a statesman in his native State and in his home surroundings. When he came upon the national arena, those same qualities of intellect, fearlessness, and zeal in fighting for the causes he supported established for him on a Nation-wide basis the same reputation which he enjoyed at home.

He loved America and American institutions. He believed they were worth fighting for, and he devoted his finest talents and his utmost energy to their preservation. He did not dodge issues. He did not hesitate to take an open, frank, and unequivocal position on any question where he felt it was his duty to take a stand. He would not stoop to hypocrisy or deception. On most questions one who knew Judge Cox would generally know without asking him where he stood on current issues, because he was forthright and consistent in his philosophy and his personal code.

He was a power to be reckoned with in all the great battles which came to the floor of the House. He was not always victorious, but he was always courageous. He possessed those qualities which made him generous in victory and magnificent in defeat.

It happened to be my privilege to last see Judge Cox on the afternoon in November when he went to the hospital before his death. I had come to Washington for a visit of only one day. When my business had been transacted, I

dropped in his office for a visit, and we discussed the coming session of Congress. I was looking forward with anticipation to serving again with him as a member of the Georgia delegation. The news which I received on Christmas Eve day of his passing saddened me beyond the power of words to describe. I extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family. His passing is not only a great loss to them. It is a great loss to his friends and colleagues and to our Nation. Our Nation is richer because of his life, poorer because of his death.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague [Mr. Camp].

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the great State of Georgia has lost one of her most distinguished sons in the passing of our beloved and lamented EUGENE COX.

Possessed of a golden heart, a brilliant mind, and the courage of his convictions, he was respected and loved by all who knew him. One never failed to know where Mr. Cox stood on any question of the day. His brilliant mind was quick to understand and to see the dangers to our American way of life and to our Republic. One of the first who gave battle to communism, one of the quickest to see its danger, he made a record here which we respect and honor him for.

I will miss him, and I know that all of our colleagues who served with him will miss the cheerful voice, the golden heart and friendship of lovable EUGENE COX.

I extend to Mrs. Cox and the family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague [Mr. Wheeler].

Mr. WHEELER. Mr. Speaker, the strong and silent hand of sadness gripped my heart when first I heard that my good and great friend, GENE COX, had succumbed to the Grim Reaper. Finite mind cannot forge the words with which human tongue can tell of the tremendous sense of personal

loss that has been mine since news came to me of his untimely death. Those of you who knew GENE need no reminder of the tragic loss his passing brings to his district, State, and Nation. You know that he had few, if any, equals in this legislative forum. As a personal friend and wise counselor to the young and inexperienced such as I, there was no man who was kinder, more understanding and loyal than he.

When I first came to this body I only knew GENE Cox by reputation although he represented a district that adjoins mine. I, along with the other people of Georgia and the Nation, knew GENE Cox to be a fighter for that which honest conviction led him to believe was right. We knew him to be the toughest of foes to those with whom he disagreed and knew him to be unrelenting in his fight against those who would, by subversion or otherwise, seek to do harm to this country he so dearly loved.

Within a very short time after I came to this body, I found GENE Cox to be as kind and generous to his friends as he was critical of his foes. In fact, I came soon to be persuaded to believe that GENE Cox had no personal foes. The composition of his fine spirit would not tolerate the harboring of personal malice within a heart that was as big as the human body can encompass. It is true that in the flaming and consuming fire of his incomparable spirit, there were times when his tongue, directed by one of the keenest minds I have known, would become devastatingly sharp and bitter as only those who have felt its keen lash can know. But those who have felt its keenest lash for a fleeting moment can also best testify to the speed with which he would always hasten to make amends for any personal harm that might have come to them.

There are those here who have known my great departed friend longer than I, but there cannot be one who feels more deeply the sense of personal loss that his passing has brought to me. Time will not permit detailed accounting of the number of times that GENE Cox has befriended me in ways

that only his kindly nature could devise. No man can assume the special place he has within my heart and memory just as his district cannot replace him for his State and Nation.

No man could know GENE Cox without loving and respecting him as an incomparable champion of the America he loved so dearly and as a personal friend who was always willing to give of himself to others. There are those of us who feel that his willingness to give of himself to his friends and to the performance of his duty as he saw it so unstintingly hastened his death. If he had been a little more selfish of his time and service, he would probably be here with us today.

Those who knew GENE best loved him most and it is to those that I offer my inadequate words of consolation and regret in their hours of deepest sorrow. The man called GENE Cox is gone but his great spirit will haunt these Halls for countless years to come. He was a great Georgian, a great American, in the very finest tradition of this Republic. In short, he was a great man.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Preston].

Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, as a friend and colleague, and as a member of the Georgia delegation in the House of Representatives, I attended the funeral of our departed brother at his home town of Camilla. It was there that I came to fully appreciate how his people loved him. We have, of course, ample opportunity here in the House to know each other and to learn and evaluate the virtue of others, but really to find out how great a person is, one must go among the people with whom he was raised.

On that Sunday morning when I arrived at Camilla there was every evidence of the sorrow that those people felt. There was a hushed reverence everywhere and people in all walks of life were streaming through his magnificent home out of respect and love for him. I was impressed by the large

number of his colored friends who came to pay their respect to him, many of whom the Judge had defended in court, many of whom he had befriended. On every turn there the people were telling of some of the fine things that the Judge had done during his lifetime.

The first place I stopped down there was at a service station operated by a paralytic. This man was broken in grief. He stated that only a few weeks ago the Judge had come down from Washington and, as he always did, he came by to see this man and to inquire of his feelings. He told me that as he shook hands and left he placed a sizable bill in the palm of his hand.

That was typical of his many acts of kindness. Everywhere he went he touched people with kindness and with optimism and joy. I think GENE COX could properly be called a great public defender. Anyone in difficulty found him at their side. I have seen him many times rise on the floor of this House in defense of some brother who might have been in momentary difficulty. He was of excellent counsel to all of us. We all respected his views and judgment.

Georgia has produced a great many individualists, men like Alex Stephens and Bob Toombs. Georgia will place GENE COX in memory and reverence beside those two great patriots. He was one of the few remaining of the old school of statesmanship, men who did not rely upon things political and diplomacy in dealing with issues but who approached issues with the view of what is best for my land.

That was GENE COX's approach to every question. He was brilliant in debate and never yielded to an adversary in discussion. For courtesy's sake he would sometimes compromise a conviction. I did not always agree with him in the positions he took in the Congress, but I never questioned his motive or his sincerity. He did not make decisions for expediency's sake but out of a heart full of sincerity and great love of his country.

Yes; during his life he touched the lives of many people. He set a pattern for many to follow. He influenced the lives of a great many individuals. He had the courage of personal convictions that was an inspiration to me. I stated at one time about him that if someone challenged GENE COX to a duel with rapiers, although he never had one in his hand before, he would quickly sieze one and accept the challenge. That great trait, coupled with his intellectual courage goes to make a strong, brave man. That is what he was. They need only to put in his epitaph on the headstone of his grave: This is GENE COX, a truly great statesman.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Forrester].

Mr. FORRESTER. Mr. Speaker, Sunday afternoon at Camilla, Ga., I with thousands of other sorrowing friends saw the mortal remains of the distinguished gentleman from Georgia, Hon. EUGENE COX, return to the soil from whence it came. I wish every Member of this body could have been there to see the genuine love and devotion the people of his district, State, and Nation held for him as a servant, neighbor, and friend. And, it was only as it could be for no real American had reason not to love him and every loyal and informed American did love him.

I saw the American flag draped over his casket-enclosed body. It belonged there. I saw gentle hands tenderly remove that flag, fold it, and present it to his widow as a testimony of his fidelity evermore. Through my soul surged the thought, if there was ever a time etiquette would permit our flag to remain with a body, that was the time for only death could separate the two. I thought of his friendship to me over the years, his outstanding and unsurpassed service in this great body and that no longer would that outstanding American be physically present in the Hall of the House. Then, I realized that his spirit would always be present and that we all would be better Americans because of that spirit.

I have seen many lovers of this country, and God bless them all, but I have never seen one greater than Judge Cox. Never have I seen such devotion and zeal for the American way of life at all times and under all conditions, and sometimes under misunderstanding. It pained that gentle soul to be misunderstood, but never did he swerve in his courageous stand for his country and his principles. No man will ever enter this Congress with more genuine love for his country than Judge Cox, or who would more gladly defend it.

Years ago Judge Cox saw the great dangers of communism and he declared war on those dangers. The going was rough and many times he was almost alone. Thank God this Christian soldier lived long enough to see his critics eat their words. The people are awakening to this terrible menace. I am confident, supremely so, that as future history unfolds every event will be proof of the foresight, courage, loyalty, and love unsurpassed and that history's proudest pages will do justice to this great American.

As certain as we are to triumph over godless communism is the fact that his name will grow brighter through history. The Second District of Georgia and our State of Georgia were immensely proud of him. They and we will continue to have his spirit as the days go by and Americans will take his name forever in their hearts. To his widow and children we extend our abiding love and affection.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Halleck].

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, the bright joys of the holiday season were dimmed for me, as I am certain they were dimmed for so many others in this Chamber, by the shocking news that we had lost one of our most beloved colleagues, EUGENE E. COX, of Georgia.

GENE COX was one of my great friends in the House of Representatives. I shall miss him more than I can tell.

His was an outstanding career of service to the people of his district and to the people of the Nation.

Some men are clever; others we characterize as brilliant; many are diligent and resourceful. Yet so often they lack that divine spark of warmth and sincerity which distinguishes the truly noble personality.

GENE COX was a wise man. But beyond that he was blessed with a great spirit of warmth coupled with complete sincerity of purpose. He was a man of principle, a hard-fighting and vigorous champion of what he fervently believed to be the right.

It is perhaps only human that I shall remember GENE COX primarily as a generous-hearted friend.

But I will never forget his stanch Americanism, his able talents as a legislator, and his stalwart sense of obligation to serve the Nation he loved with complete loyalty and devotion.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Brown].

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, when GENE COX passed on on Christmas Eve he left his heart in this House, because he loved the House of Representatives which he had served 28 years.

I went to the hospital 2 days before GENE'S death to visit with him. He looked much better than when I had last seen him before he became ill. He was cheerful, but his whole thought and mind was upon the organization of this new House which took place here today and of the 2 years ahead and of the work that was to be done.

I served with GENE COX on the Rules Committee. I never knew any individual that had a better or a greater grasp of legislation or who had a more sincere desire to do only that which was best for his country. He placed his country and its welfare beyond all other considerations. I have seen him time after time do that which might not be popular for him

at the moment, but which his own conscience and his judgment told him was in the best interest of the America that he loved so deeply and served so well.

We shall all miss GENE Cox here. It will not be the same House of Representatives as we have known it for so many years with GENE away; yet I believe that somehow or other the very fact that he served here will inspire all of us to carry on in the tradition that he established of service to country, of willingness and readiness to do that which he believed right regardless of the cost.

To Mrs. Cox and to his children I join in extending sincere sympathy and the hope that Divine Providence will give them the strength to bear up under the great bereavement which has been theirs.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Smith].

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I shall not consume much time in a eulogy of GENE Cox except to express my concurrence in everything that has been said here today, particularly by his colleagues from Georgia who knew him so well. GENE Cox was a man of many parts. I think probably the outstanding features of his life were his great courage, politically and physically, his generosity to a degree greater than most any man I ever knew, and above all his unfailing loyalty to those who could claim his friendship. I served with him for 20 years on the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives, and during that time I followed his leadership. I would do so again. I have never regretted it. I think GENE Cox is one of the great men of our generation, and those many qualities which he possessed are going to live long in the hearts of the Members who knew him. While he has gone, his influence in this body, I think, will live on for years to come. He was a man who was quick of temper at times, and yet I do not think GENE Cox ever had enmity toward any man. I have seen him in the warmest of

debates when immediately afterward he was ready to shake the hand of his adversary and seek his friendship and forgiveness. That is not true of many people.

I happen to know something about his home life. I know of his deep and most generous and unselfish devotion to his fine wife, children, and his grandchildren. I know of their very deep affection for him. No person who is not a fine, great man would ever inspire the affection which was felt for him by his family and by those of his friends in the House of Representatives who were the closest to him and knew him best.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Rayburn].

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I do not think I can do better than to adopt the wonderful words and marvelous tribute just paid to GENE COX by our colleague the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Smith] who was so long associated with Mr. Cox on the important Committee on Rules. During all the years that GENE COX was a Member of the House of Representatives, he gave me a confidence and he gave me a love and a loyalty unsurpassed by any friendship that anyone could know. My affection for him is deep and abiding. I never associated death with GENE COX somehow. I did not know he was ill, when the word came to me down on the farm that GENE COX had passed away. I knew of his love and loyalty to friends, and of his devotion to his wife and his children. He gave friendships and love without alloy. He was capable. He was just built that way. He was a strong man in every sense of the word; strong in his convictions as he was in his love and his loyalty. Hot of temper, but when he lost his temper, he always came back and made everything all right with the man that he had lost his temper with. His was a noble soul. He had a grand and useful life. I do not think I will ever see such a life as his again exactly for he was built in a mold which was not at all common. He

was a gentleman. He was an aristocrat of character and devotion. With his darling wife, who is my great and good friend, and his children, I shall miss him as long as I can remember friendship and good people.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from New York [Mr. Taber].

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, when EUGENE Cox first came to the House he picked out an office right next to mine in the Old House Office Building. I got to know him very well. That acquaintanceship has continued right down to the end. I have always found him true and straight, having in his heart and in his words the best interests of the United States.

At this time we are sorry that he has gone. We are glad that such a fine character lived with us.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Oregon [Mr. Ellsworth].

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, when I first came here as a new Member 8 years ago, I very shortly became aware of the presence and the force in this House of Representatives of our late colleague, EUGENE Cox. I knew him for the first several years only as a forceful, dynamic speaker. I classified him, as we all do, as a great American. But it was not until I had the pleasure and the honor of serving with him on the Rules Committee that I realized that this legislator, this powerful debater, this man of force, character, and strength was also a human being, a likeable man, a man who thoroughly enjoyed doing things for people, doing favors for folks. I, too, have a great friendship and liking for our late colleague, EUGENE Cox. I shall miss him greatly, just as we all will. I feel that in his passing this country has lost one of its greatest Americans.

I extend my sympathy to the members of his family and his loved ones and the people of his State who have lost a great Representative.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Jensen].

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to endorse everything that has been stated on this floor today about our deceased friend and colleague, EUGENE COX. When I heard of the passing of this great friend of mine I was deeply grieved. It is rather difficult to know that EUGENE COX will not walk with us again in this Chamber. I had such a high regard for him that I can hardly visualize that he has gone to the Great Beyond.

EUGENE COX and I met when I first came to this House 14 years ago, and from that very moment my admiration and respect for him has grown, up to this time. I saw that great, strong, patriotic American stand on the floor of this House and defend with every ounce of strength he had the things which he believed to be fine and big and best for this great America which he loved so dearly.

GENE COX to me was a symbol of everything that is fine in man. I have not the words to express my true feeling of this great patriot who has gone to his reward. I shall miss him as will every Member of this House who knew him, and as will everyone in his State and in this Nation who knew GENE COX as we did. But GENE is gone, and we must carry on as GENE COX would want us to. To fill his shoes and to take his place in this House is possibly beyond the ability of any of us, but we shall attempt to carry on where GENE COX left off.

My heart goes out to his good wife and family whom he loved so much.

God rest his soul.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Vorys].

Mr. VORYS. Mr. Speaker, others have spoken ably of the fiery eloquence of GENE COX, of his unswerving courage, of his great ability as a fighter for the causes in which he

believed. In my tribute I merely want to give one instance that will reveal a part of GENE COX that has been referred to but that many perhaps on this floor have not witnessed.

I looked today at the picture of GENE COX, our departed friend, and his photograph showed that stern, fiery courage and proud, indomitable will; I feel it did not show the great heart of the man, his infinite capacity for friendship, and his utterly winsome generosity.

It was my honor and privilege to serve with GENE COX on a subcommittee that traveled in Europe in the fall of 1947. Our train got to Essen, Germany, and the sleepers laid over there for us to board again. After we had been through the devastated city, we went back to the train to change our clothes and rest ourselves, and we found a lot of German children had assembled around the train. We had all supplied ourselves with chocolate and soap for an extended stay in that devastated country, and many of us had taken a supply of cigarettes. GENE COX went to his suitcase and soon emptied it of those things. He gave the children the chocolate that we had brought along for our own use, and he gave away all the soap that we had been supposed to take with us. Then, although it was possibly forbidden, he gave out the cigarettes to those children because he knew they could trade them for food in that community. Finally—and this was in the fall and it was beginning to get cool—he was outside the train with a sweater on and saw one little kid standing there who was particularly threadbare. GENE COX stripped off his sweater and handed it to that child. We finally coaxed him to come back into the car, to stop his generosity before he stripped himself further. He traveled contentedly the rest of the month in cold weather in Germany and Austria without the sweater that he really needed. That was GENE COX pouring out with his great heart things that he could have used himself.

That is the spirit of the man that does not show in his pictures but that should live in the hearts of all of us. That

is the spirit of the man that will be of great comfort in memory to his beloved family and to his friends who now mourn him.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Lyle].

Mr. LYLE. Mr. Speaker, the fine things that have been said about GENE COX and his friendship came to me almost every day. He did me the very high honor and courtesy of patting me on the back and saying: "God bless you, young man."

Of course, GENE COX was a great American, a fine statesman, and I am sure he will be remembered for those great qualities. But I can remember him because he was a good, warm-hearted man who appreciated the miracle of humanity, a man who loved beautiful things, a man who enjoyed the things he might do for others.

I am very pleased, Mr. Speaker, very pleased, that GENE COX did me the honor of giving me his friendship and I shall always cherish the memory of this splendid, lovely American.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Hays].

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, during the last few weeks of Mr. COX's life we were associated together in a special assignment in the House of Representatives in connection with a study of American foundations. In that investigation and in my intimate association with him there were accentuated many of these virtues and fine qualities that have been brought out so eloquently by his colleagues from Georgia and by others who knew him longer than I.

I am not surprised that two things stand out that were also in my mind, first, the warm, human sympathy that was so characteristic of him, and, second, his innate patriotism, his intense patriotism. Those are the two things I will remember longest about him.

Supplementing what the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Vorys] said about his generosity, I think it may have been on that same trip or conceivably another, that one of our colleagues reported that in the presence of hunger and suffering he saw tears of sympathy in the eyes of GENE COX. It was not a display because the gentleman from Georgia was not capable of that. Compassion is a larger word than friendship. The gentleman from Georgia had an incredible capacity for friendship, and those of us who were privileged to be in that circle appreciated it and shall always cherish it. But his was a wide circle. It took in the suffering of the world. This is something that I think belongs in the record.

The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Preston] made reference to two other Georgians—Alexander Stephens and Robert Toombs. I am interested in Georgia's history though not a close student of it. But because I spent time among its people before I was elected to Congress, Georgia has a special place in my affections. It is appropriately referred to as the Empire State of the South, truly one of the greatest States in the Union. But there was another Georgian who contributed to its finest traditions, the unforgettable Benjamin Hill. He died just about the time that GENE COX was born. He said something that exemplifies the love of our united country which flowered so beautifully in the heart of GENE COX:

> Who lets his country die lets all things die and all things dying curse him; who lets his country live lets all things live and all things living bless him.

In the powerful tradition of Robert Toombs and Alexander Stephens and Benjamin Hill, and other great Georgians who preceded him in these Halls our colleague did his work worthily. The Nation will always be in debt to the State of Georgia for that contribution.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Eberharter].

Mr. EBERHARTER. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of our colleague, E. EUGENE Cox, this body loses one of its outstanding figures of the past three decades. GENE, as we who knew him well addressed him, possessed all the fine instincts of a true gentleman. His was one of the keenest intellects I have ever met. His general all-around capacity made him one of the most powerful advocates in any cause in which his interest could be aroused. His influence was a powerful factor in helping to shape the destiny of this body and, therefore, the history of these United States.

I have always been deeply thankful that he was at all times foursquare and vigorously a supporter of the foreign policies of his country, and, I believe this: that this course on his part was the result of his fierce and intense patriotism.

I was the last Member of this body to speak to him personally, when I visited him in the Naval Medical Hospital at Bethesda on the Eve of Christmas. I received the same genial and friendly greeting with which most of us have many times been greeted by him, and this in spite of the fact that just a few minutes before I arrived he began to suffer an attack. GENE, Mrs. Cox, and I chatted just a few minutes, but his attack became more severe and he requested another pill and the summoning of his nurse. While the nurse was ministering to him, I slipped from the room and with Mrs. Cox waited in the hall.

The last words I heard from the lips of my friend—spoken to his doctor and indicative of his genial and friendly character—were: "Ask Mr. Eberharter to come in." We decided it would probably be better for him if he did not attempt further conversation. I left, and within the hour our colleague passed on to his reward.

He was a gentle soul, and I shall always treasure the many pleasant hours spent with him.

To his widow and all the loved ones he leaves, I extend my deep and lasting sympathy.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Madden].

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, the House Rules Committee has been struck twice by the grim reaper since the election 2 months ago. The death of our colleague GENE Cox, of Georgia, who was ranking Democratic member of our committee, followed the death of our chairman, Adolph Sabath, by only a few weeks.

I served two terms as a member of the Rules Committee with GENE Cox. I have observed his abilities as an outstanding statesman during my 10 years service in this House.

Though I did not agree with him on all legislation, I found him very human and considerate for those who held opposite views. He possessed a sympathetic heart and was always considerate of the feelings of his fellow man. He will be greatly missed by me as well as all the Members of this House. His wife and family have my sincerest sympathy.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, it was with a very heavy heart that Mrs. McCormack and I heard over the radio of the death of our dear and beloved friend, GENE Cox. It is with a very heavy heart that I today join my colleagues and participate in these tributes to his memory.

Each and every one of us are elected by the people of our districts, located in different sections of the country. We come as new Members to this body at some time or another. As Speaker Martin said today, 81 new Members were sworn in today.

When I came here as a new Member one of the first men I met was the man to whose memory we pay our tribute today. I came from Boston. He came from Georgia. When we first come here we are products of our environment, each and every one of us, and we come with certain impressions, those of us of the West about the East and the South, of the South

about the West and the East, and of the East about the South and the West. Then we come here and mix and meet our colleagues from different sections of the country, and we revise our views considerably. We find that human nature is pretty much the same everywhere. There are men and women of fine character everywhere, trying to make their contributions to those things which are nice and noble and uplifting; and in the case of those of us who are serving in this body, we try to make our contributions to the best interest of our country.

When I came here a little over 24 years ago, as I have said, one of the first Members I met as a new Member was my dear and valued friend, GENE COX. From that time to the time of his death there developed between us a friendship that to me will always be a most treasured memory of my service in this body and my personal contact with my colleagues.

We differed considerably, as those who served with both of us know, but there was a deep respect for the intellectual honesty of each other's views, and there was a deep respect on the part of GENE for my views and on my part for the sincerity of his views. There was an abiding friendship between us.

I can remember in 1940 when I was a candidate for majority leader in the Democratic caucus, the man who led my fight was GENE COX, of Georgia. I did not know at that time what effort would be made by other candidates to be elected. As a matter of fact, an effort was made to postpone the election from September 1940 until January 1941, until after the general election. Without saying anything in regard to the motives of those who wanted to postpone that election, I knew that was not for my best interests. I could not plan my fight because I did not know what was going to come, so to speak. I had to wait until we got into the caucus. I could not even designate anyone to lead my fight, it was so uncertain as to what I would encounter in the caucus. When the motion was made to postpone the election, I did not have

to ask anyone, for GENE COX jumped up to lead the fight for me. I shall never forget that. I never forgot it during his life, and as long as I live I will never forget it.

GENE COX was very close to me. I numbered him among my most valued friends. As he was close to me in life, so will his memory always remain close to me as long as I live. And to Mrs. Cox, whom Mrs. McCormack and I deeply respect, and his loved ones, I extend the profound sympathy of Mrs. McCormack and myself in her bereavement.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have permission to extend their remarks at this point on the life, character, and services of the late Honorable EUGENE COX, a Representative from the State of Georgia.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the death of EUGENE COX, of Georgia, came to all of us as a severe shock. That was true especially of the older Members of the House.

EUGENE COX and I came to the House together. We both were Members of the Sixty-ninth Congress. From that time until the hour of his death he was a true and treasured friend.

During these years I have come to admire his great talents and his rugged Americanism. He was a man of strong convictions, and he was steadfast in support of those convictions.

Where he gave his friendship he never wavered in his loyalty to that friend. He was ever ready to demonstrate that friendship even when it was against his own interests.

He loved the House. He loved his country, and with great fervor he ever battled to keep the country strong and true to personal freedom.

He was an orator of great skill and a frequent participant in the historic debates of the last 25 years. He made a powerful impress upon Government policies.

We shall miss EUGENE Cox as a great friend and a great American. To his fine wife and family I extend my deepest sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I desire to join in the many tributes being paid to the memory of our late distinguished colleague, Judge Cox, of Georgia. I can speak with special reference to the unfailing kindness which he exhibited to new Members of the House, for I was a beneficiary.

Judge Cox was one of the elder statesmen of the House of Representatives, and one of its most influential Members, but he always had time for a considerate thought or word with any Member. As a Member who served only briefly with him, I want to express my deep appreciation for his courtesy and kindness to me. We have lost an able legislator and leader, but also a kind personal friend.

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of the Honorable EUGENE Cox, one of the true pillars of this House is gone.

He ably represented his State and fought for those principles which have made this Nation great. He hated subterfuge and hypocrisy. He opposed them with a fierceness that was awesome and inspiring. We will miss him greatly.

I visited Judge Cox while he was in the hospital. As always he was cheerful and courteous. It was a pleasure just to chat with him and to wish him a speedy recovery.

However, the Almighty had decreed otherwise, and GENE Cox lives now only in the memories of those who knew and loved him and to those countless millions whom his life has benefited.

No finer memorial could be.

Mr. RICHARDS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay a tribute to our great, departed friend, colleague, and comrade, EDWARD EUGENE COX.

When I received the sad news of GENE'S death, it was a great blow to me and very hard to realize that he was gone.

It is true I knew that his health was none too good in recent months and that the years and hard work had exacted their toll, but it simply had not occurred to me that GENE COX would ever pass away. He was one of those strong, virile types that we only associate with life and living—never whining, never complaining, never seeming to realize that there is a limit to human energies.

EUGENE COX was a great statesman, patriot and debater, an ardent lover of his country, and defender of the faith of his native State and the South. Eager for the fray where issues of principle in which he believed were involved, sometimes fierce and impulsive in battle when it came, but always willing to meet any foe more than halfway in effort to heal the scars of what he may have said or done.

It has been said of our departed friend on this floor that the Omnipotent Potter, who shapes molds of human clay, broke the one that encased the body and soul of GENE COX. That may be a rash statement to make about things we know not of, but certainly few who knew, admired and loved him will deny that he was a unique character on and off the floor of Congress, whose like has not been seen here and probably never will.

GENE COX was able, courageous, loyal, and a foeman worthy of any man's steel, but withal as gentle and forgiving as an infant in his inner soul. His friends and admirers are legion. I am proud that we were warm personal friends. He has proved it on more than one occasion.

May the all-wise and omnipotent Ruler of the Universe place the hand of comfort upon his loved ones left behind and dry away their tears.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, a great Georgian and a great American has left us. In GENE COX we were privileged to know a truly big man. His long and impressive record of service was marked alike with distinguished achievements and simple kindnesses. Therefore, as we mourn his passing

we share a grief that bears on many shoulders throughout the Nation.

I knew a common bond with GENE Cox for he represented the district in which I was born and where I grew to manhood. His friends were my friends. They saw in GENE Cox a man of sturdy stock, a man who placed Americanism first, a man devoted to his ideals, and a man unafraid to fight for the things in which he believed. Wisely they turned to him for leadership and he gave them a leadership which never faltered.

I have lost a valued friend and a wise counselor. Congress and the Nation have lost a great statesman whose strong voice still is sorely needed.

Mr. ELLIOTT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in the well-earned tributes being paid to the late E. EUGENE Cox.

We remember Judge Cox as a man possessed of the greatest kindness and sincerity. His profound ability in the field of government led him to become one of the most valued servants of this Nation he loved so dearly. With wisdom, he foresaw that these United States are not able to live alone, but rather that they must assert their leadership among the free nations of the world if we are to attain universal peace.

He will be greatly missed by all of us. My sincerest and most heartfelt sympathies are extended to Mrs. Cox and to his children.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as we return from our respective districts to take up the duties of the Eighty-third Congress we find that there is a vacancy because of the death of E. EUGENE Cox, of Georgia, who was one of the outstanding and capable leaders of the Congress.

I feel a distinct personal loss in the passing of GENE. I knew of him when he was judge of the superior court in Georgia, prior to the time he entered the Halls of Congress, and he was known over the State of Georgia as a distin-

guished and able jurist. His district joined the county in which I resided and practiced law until 1925, at which time I went to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

When I came to the Congress in 1945, I found GENE Cox in the Congress as one of its leaders. Being native fellow Georgians we formed a friendship that grew through our association. His family and my family, for the past 6 years, lived at the Wardman Park Hotel, and we spent many happy evening together.

GENE was a man of many virtues; he was especially loyal to his friends and devoted to his wife, Grace; he was a beloved father and regarded his children as his "jewels"; he was a St. Peter with his impulsive and impetuous nature, yet a St. John with belovedness, calmness, kindness, and compassion toward his fellow man. He possessed a noble soul that was filled with the milk of human kindness.

GENE Cox was a man of courage and conviction and stood by his courage and conviction. He was generous, considerate, and tolerant.

We will all miss the excellent courage and leadership of GENE Cox in the Eighty-third Congress. Not only the State of Georgia but the entire Nation can ill afford the loss of this man. To have known him is enrichment. To have lost him is desolation. To have memory of him is sturdy equipment.

To his beloved wife and family our expressions of sympathy are the deeper as we measure knowingly the incalculable loss they endure.

May God bless and sustain them in this, their sad hour of sorrow.

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, EUGENE Cox came to Congress 30 years ago. He drew an office next to mine in the House Office Building, and he and I became close friends.

I had the highest admiration and respect for him. He was one of the ablest and most effective men in the House of

Representatives and left a record which his constituents and his family can remember with pride.

My sincerest sympathy goes to his family in their bereavement.

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 9).

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. EDWARD EUGENE COX, a Representative from the State of Georgia.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, I move that as a further mark of respect to our deceased colleague the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 47 minutes p. m.), pursuant to its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 6, 1953, at 12 o'clock noon.

WEDNESDAY, *January 7, 1953.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 11):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. EDWARD EUGENE COX, late a Representative from the State of Georgia.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

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TUESDAY, *January 6, 1953.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Chaffee, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. EDWARD EUGENE COX, late a Representative from the State of Georgia, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolutions coming over from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. EDWARD EUGENE COX, a Representative from the State of Georgia.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. President, I now submit and send to the desk a resolution for which I request present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The CHIEF CLERK read the resolution (S. Res. 11), as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. EDWARD EUGENE COX, late a Representative from the State of Georgia.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to.

Mr. TAFT. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate do now take a recess until tomorrow at 12 o'clock noon.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 49 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 7, 1953, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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